

# Preparing you for what's next



Whether you're about to leave the military, pursuing higher education, or looking for your next job, LinkedIn offers tons of resources to help you get ahead. Narrow your job search, build your network, and grow your skills. Whatever you're in it for, we're in it together.

For more information visit [linkedin.com/military](https://www.linkedin.com/military)

## Veterans get one free year of LinkedIn Premium

Through ID.me, [upgrade to Premium](#) for free.



### Network like a boss

Grow your network and schedule informational interviews. Send [InMail](#) messages to start a conversation with hiring managers, recruiters, or other veterans at companies you're interested in.



### Get exclusive intel

Compare your profile to other job candidates and use [competitive intelligence](#) on Job Posts to compare your skills, experience, and education with other candidates applying for the same role.



### Strengthen your skill set

Is there a skill you don't have that's a requirement for a target job? [LinkedIn Learning's](#) library of 13,000 courses can help you gain the skills you need to prep for interviews and build your ideal career. Here's some recommended areas to help get you started:

#### Helpful courses

- [LinkedIn for Veterans](#)
- [Finding Your Purpose after Active Duty](#)
- [Translating Your Military Skills to Civilian Workplace](#)

#### Learning paths

- [Transition from Military to Civilian Employment](#)
- [Transition from Military to Student Life](#)

# 9 Tips for LinkedIn success



## Networking

- 1. Find other veterans** Use [Past Company filters](#) to find veterans from your service branch working at the companies you'd like to join
- 2. Get career advice from mentors** Opt in to our [Career Advice](#) matching tool so we can connect you with professionals interested in supporting your next steps
- 3. Join relevant professional groups** Connect with active communities relevant to your professional interests, including the [Veteran Mentor Network](#) and [SVA's Professional Development Community](#), offered through our partnership with [Student Veterans of America](#)

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## Job searching

- 4. Let recruiters know you're looking** Turn on your [Open Candidate](#) signal, and make sure to note when you're available. Doing so makes you twice as likely to receive messages from recruiters.
- 5. Learn about companies and signal your interest** Following [Company Pages](#) helps you stay up to date with current news, company culture, and job opportunities, and it signals to recruiters at the companies you follow that you're interested in their work.
- 6. Find the best jobs to apply for** LinkedIn uses what we learn from your Profile and Career Interests to generate [Jobs You May Be Interested In](#). The more detailed information you provide, the more accurate our engine becomes.
- 7. Set clear salary expectations** Use [LinkedIn Salary](#) to access a detailed breakdown of salaries and see how they vary by location, industry, education level, college major, and company size. When it's time to talk salary, you can be better prepared.

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## Lifelong learning

- 8. Stay in the know** Follow hashtags, people, and companies, and regularly visit [blog.linkedin.com](https://blog.linkedin.com) and [learning.linkedin.com/blog](https://learning.linkedin.com/blog) to stay up to date on market trends, LinkedIn features, and newly launched courses
- 9. Make the most of your LinkedIn Premium account** Visit [linkedin.com/military](https://linkedin.com/military) for more information on how to get the most out of the tools LinkedIn provides to support your career journey from military to civilian life